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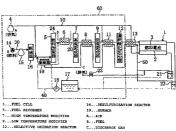
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus for producing hydrogen gas from a hydrocarbon original fuel, oxygen and steam, which comprises a find reformer (5) packed with a catalyst (27) having activity for a partial oxidation of the original fuel, and reflects the partial oxidation of the original fuel with the aid of the catalyst (27) and then forms hydrogen through the water-gas-shift reaction using the CO gas generated by the partial oxidation reaction as a reactant, wherein the original fuel, oxygen and steam are fed to the fuel reformer (5) in such amounts that a mole ratio of the carbon in the original fuel (O<sub>2</sub>/C) is 0.9 times the stockholmentric O<sub>2</sub>/C ratio in the partial oxidation reaction or more and a mole ratio of the steam to the carbon in the original fuel (H<sub>2</sub>O/C) is 0.5 or more. The fuel reformer (5) is excellent as a modifier for a fuel cell since it reduces the external heat required and also lowers the CO concentration in the resultant modified gas. Further, the fuel reformer (5) can utilize the discharge gas from an oxygen electrode of a fuel cell as oxygen and steam to be used therein.

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